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Governor's May Revise Includes Additional \$500,000 for Climate Change Initiative

SACRAMENTO – The Governor's May revision of the 2006-2007 budget proposal includes an augmentation of \$500,000 to implement strategies to reduce climate change emissions.

"Thanks to the Governor's bold leadership on this issue, California continues to be the world's leader on responding to climate change," said Dan Skopec, Acting Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The Governor's January budget proposed \$7.2 million to implement greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. The \$500,000 augmentation in the May Revise will increase the investment to \$7.7 million to lead a coordinated statewide effort to meet the Governor's emission reduction targets. The funds will be used to conduct an economic analysis on reduction strategies, advance the use of biofuels, reduce hydrofluorocarbon emissions, expand existing efforts to capture methane from landfills and enhance recycling efforts.

"Climate change, left unaddressed, has dangerous implications on California's environment and economic stability. The threats are real and the California Environmental Protection Agency is leading the fight against global warming, bringing together the brightest minds to develop strategies that will mitigate the state's impact on global climate change," added Skopec.

In June 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-03-05, establishing the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of any state or nation in the world. The Order directed Cal/EPA to lead a multi-agency effort to meet the targets, and to report on the progress toward those goals every two years.

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